

8. 0 shall I to-day possess your
protection, mighty ~
deities, beautifully bright in yourselves
(though un-
adorned) ?
9. (We invoke) those MAETJTS to drink
our *Soma*,
who have spread out all the things of
earth and the
luminaries of heaven.
10. 0 MA-RUTS, I invoke you,
resplendent, of
pure vigour, to drink this *Soma*.
11. I invoke those MARTJTS to drink this
Soma,
who have established heaven and earth.
12. I invoke that band of the MABXJTS,
abiding in
the clouds, the showerers, to drink this
Soma.

StoA II. (XOV.)

The deity is IITDBA ; the *Ri&hi* is TIRISOEI of the
lamiy of
ANGIB.IS ; the metre is *Amtshtulh*.

13. 0 INDEA worthy of praise, when the
Soma is
effused, our songs hasten to thee as a
charioteer (to
His goal); they low towards thee as cows
towards
their calves.¹
14. INDBA worthy-of praise, let the
bright *Soma*-
libations come to thee; drink thy
portion of the
beverage; LNDRA, in all places it is fit for
thee.
15. "Drink jo thy fill, LSTDRA, the
effused *Soma*
brought by the hawk,² thou art the lord
of all the
divine hosts,³ thou art the self-
resplendent.

¹ Sama Veda, I. 4. 2. 1. 8.

² Of. i. 80. 2.

³ JSayana takes *saswalzndm* with *visdm*, as
ftahundin *marud-*
gananwn sarveshdm devagandndm cha.